

The House Committee on State Planning and Community Affairs - Local Legislation offers the following substitute to HB 1270:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating the Board of Commissioners of Seminole County, approved  
2 August 16, 1920 (Ga. L. 1920, p. 610), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March  
3 12, 1984 (Ga. L. 1984, p. 4073), so as to reapportion the commissioner districts; to provide  
4 for members currently serving; to provide for the submission of this Act to the United States  
5 Department of Justice; to provide for related matters; to provide effective dates; to repeal  
6 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

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9 An Act creating the Board of Commissioners of Seminole County, approved August 16,  
10 1920 (Ga. L. 1920, p. 610), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 12, 1984  
11 (Ga. L. 1984, p. 4073), is amended by striking in its entirety Section 2 and inserting in lieu  
12 thereof the following:

"SECTION 2.

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14 The Board of Commissioners of Seminole County shall consist of five members to be  
15 elected as provided in this Act. For the purpose of electing such members, Seminole  
16 County shall be divided into five districts as follows:

17 County Commissioner District No. 1: Begin at a point where State Route #91 intersects  
18 with the western boundary of Seminole County; thence, proceed in an easterly direction  
19 along the center of State Route #91 until it intersects with the J Q Harvey - River Road;  
20 thence, proceed in a northerly direction along the center of the J Q Harvey - River Road  
21 until it intersects with the Phil Spooner Road; thence, proceed in an easterly direction  
22 along the center of Phil Spooner Road until it intersects with State Route 91; thence, then  
23 proceed in a northerly direction along the center of State Route #91 until it intersects with  
24 the southern boundary of the City of Donalsonville; thence, proceed in an easterly  
25 direction along the southern boundary of the City of Donalsonville until it intersects with

1 State Route #39; thence, proceed in a southerly direction along the center of State Route  
2 #39 until it intersects with Fishpond Drain; thence, proceed in a southerly direction along  
3 the center of Fishpond Drain until it intersects with the Peanut Bland Road; thence,  
4 proceed in a westerly direction along the center of the Peanut Bland Road until it  
5 intersects with the F B Faircloth Road; thence, proceed in a southerly direction along the  
6 center of F B Faircloth Road until it intersects with the Burke Road; thence, proceed in  
7 a westerly direction along the center of the Burke Road until it intersects with State Route  
8 #39; thence, proceed in a southerly direction along the center of State Route #39 until it  
9 intersects with State Route #253; thence, proceed in a westerly direction along the center  
10 of State Route #253 until it ends; thence, forming an imaginary line crossing Lake  
11 Seminole, running in the same westerly direction as State Route #253, until the imaginary  
12 line intersects with the western boundary of Seminole County; thence, proceed in a  
13 northerly direction along the western boundary of Seminole County until it reaches the  
14 point of beginning.

15 County Commissioner District No. 2: Beginning at the northwest corner of Seminole  
16 County; thence, proceed in an easterly direction along the northern boundary of Seminole  
17 County until it intersects with the center of State Route #91; thence, proceed in a  
18 southerly direction along the center of State Route #91 until it intersects with the Phil  
19 Spooner Road; thence, proceed in a westerly direction along the center of the Phil  
20 Spooner Road until it intersects with the J Q Harvey - River Road; thence, proceed in a  
21 southerly direction along the center of the J Q Harvey - River Road until it intersects with  
22 State Route #91; thence, proceed in a westerly direction along the center of State Route  
23 #91 until it intersects with the western boundary of Seminole County; thence, proceed in  
24 a northerly direction along the western boundary of Seminole County until it reaches the  
25 point of beginning.

26 County Commissioner District No. 3: Beginning at a point where the east right of way  
27 line of State Route #91 intersects the Northern boundary of the City of Donalsonville and  
28 from said point proceed easterly along the northern boundary of the City of Donalsonville  
29 until it corners south; thence proceed in a southerly direction along the eastern boundary  
30 of the City of Donalsonville until it corners west; thence, proceed in a westerly direction  
31 along the southern boundary of the City of Donalsonville until it intersects with State  
32 Route #91; thence, proceed in a northerly direction along the center of State Route #91  
33 to the point of beginning.

34 County Commissioner District No. 4: Beginning at the northeast corner of Seminole  
35 County; thence, proceed in a southerly direction along the eastern boundary of Seminole  
36 County until it intersects with State Route #253; thence; proceed in a southerly direction  
37 along the center of State Route #253 until it intersects with Burke Road; thence, proceed

1 in a westerly direction along the center of Burke Road until it intersects with Fishpond  
 2 Drain; thence, proceed along the center of Fishpond Drain until it intersects with State  
 3 Route #39; thence, proceed in a northerly direction along the center of State Route #39  
 4 until it intersects with the southern boundary of the City of Donalsonville; thence,  
 5 proceed in an easterly direction along the southern boundary of the City of Donalsonville  
 6 until it corners north; thence, proceed in a northerly direction along the eastern boundary  
 7 of the City of Donalsonville until it corners west; thence, proceed in a westerly direction  
 8 along the norther boundary of the City of Donalsonville until it intersects with State  
 9 Route #91; thence, proceed in a northerly direction along the center of State Route #91  
 10 until it intersects with the northern boundary of Seminole County; thence, proceed in an  
 11 easterly direction along the northern boundary of Seminole county to the point of  
 12 beginning.

13 County Commissioner District No. 5: All remaining lands not contained in districts one,  
 14 two, three and four and being bounded on the east, west, and south by original county  
 15 lines and on the north by the south lines of districts one and four shall be known as  
 16 district five.

17 Any part of Seminole County which is not included in any county commissioner district  
 18 described in this section shall be included within that district contiguous to such part which  
 19 contains the least population according to the United States decennial census of 2000 for  
 20 the State of Georgia. Any part of Seminole County which is described as being in a  
 21 particular county commissioner district shall nevertheless not be included within such  
 22 county commissioner district if such part is not contiguous to such district. Such  
 23 noncontiguous part shall instead be included within that county commissioner district  
 24 contiguous to such part which contains the least population according to the United States  
 25 decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia. Except as otherwise provided in the  
 26 description of any county commissioner district, whenever the description of such district  
 27 refers to a named city, it shall mean the geographical boundaries of that city as shown on  
 28 the census map for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia."

## 29 **SECTION 2.**

30 It is the purpose of this Act to reapportion the districts from which members of the Board of  
 31 Commissioners of Seminole County are to be elected in the November, 2002, general  
 32 election and in subsequent general elections, and this Act results from changes in population  
 33 based on the United States decennial census of 2000. It is not the intention of the General  
 34 Assembly to affect the membership of current members of the board, their terms of office,  
 35 or the manner in which their successors shall be elected, and such matters shall remain as

1 provided by law on the effective date of this Act until otherwise amended by law, except to  
2 the extent of reapportioning the districts represented by such members.

3 **SECTION 3.**

4 It shall be the duty of the attorney of the Board of Commissioners of Seminole County to  
5 submit this Act for approval pursuant to Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965,  
6 as amended.

7 **SECTION 4.**

8 The provisions of this Act relating to and necessary for the regular election in 2002 of  
9 members of the Board of Commissioners of Seminole County shall become effective upon  
10 its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming effective without such approval; and this  
11 Act shall otherwise become effective January 1, 2003.

12 **SECTION 5.**

13 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.